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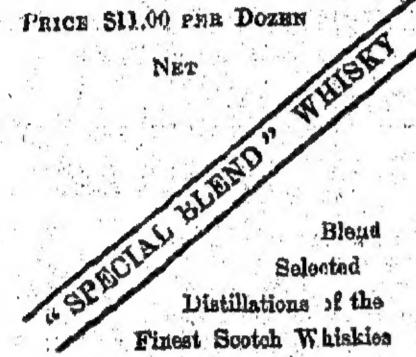
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HONGKONG, 28RD APRIL, 1904 THE chief sensation of the moment, as far as the war between Japan and Russia is concerned, is the resignation of Admiral ALEXIEFF, as announced in our London telegram published yesterday morning. REUTER's despatch appearing in another column to-day adds the information that the reason of this resignation is that Admiral ALEXIEFF finds himself "practically superseded, except in civil affairs" and that the appointment of Admiral Skrydloff, "who is notoriously hostile to him," was made without consulting him. It is to be gathered that the post which Admiral ALEXIEFF has resigned is the Viceroyalty of the Far East, that office with the pompous style which was given to him by the Tsar last year. His lesser command, that over the Russian but getting no booty. squadron at Port Arthur, which he assumed temporarily after Admiral MAKAROFF's death on the 13th instant, he could not resign unti Admiral Skrydloff arrives to relieve him. We may conclude, therefore, that Viceroy ALEXIEFF wishes to cease to be Viceroy of the Far East. We see thus the curiousspectacle of the man responsible for the war anxious to retire from his position before the war is more than two months and a half old. That he was so responsible we think that every fair-minded man must agree. Dr. DILLON in the March number of the Contemporary Review showed this very confound in abundance in the correspondence contained in the Japanese White-book which we noticed last week. It can hardly

be doubted that the S. Petersburg Govern-

her Viceroy into a war for which she was quite unprepared, for no other reason than that this Viceroy entirely misestimated the character and determination of the Japanese. Since war broke out and Russia began to suffer disasters, Viceroy ALEXIEFF has seen General Kuropatkin appointed to supreme military command, and the uufortunate Admiral MAKAROFF to command of the fleet, the latter's death in battle being followed by the appointment of Admiral Skryploff. He sees on one side of him General KUROPATKIN, with whom his relations are not quite smooth, and on the other Admiral SKRYDLOFF, notoriously hostile, as we are told. So there remains to him but a civil position on which to keep up his high-sounding title of Viceroy, Nemesis has indeed overtaken him rapidly for his arrogance and his failure to grasp the situation. striven, with all the resources of Russian diplomacy and with the weight of his trusting Government behind him, to gain for Russia a position in North-east Asia from which she could dictate her terms instead of working, as in the past, by the aid of evasions and unsubstantiated promises. Whether he has actually dealt a death-blow to his country's hopes in this quarter of the world remains to be seen, but at least with humiliation and likely to end, at the very best, in a tremendous set-back to all no progress, as well as in financial loss not partly that of those who singled out Admiral Alexieff for so responsible a post-100 who, in Dr. Dinlon's words, " set a blacksmith who is honest and industrious to repair a lady's watch." But that those who appointed him were deceived in him does not exongrate him from the charge of gross did. It may be with the best intentions that he has betrayed his country; but there is no doubt of the fact of the betrayal. Not even a crushing land victory for Russia, complete enough to terminate the war, could justify him now.

To-day is S. George's Day.

The French mail of the 22nd March was delivered in London on the 21st inst.

Eighty-seven Army details arrived by the P. & O. s.s. Chusan yesterday.

Mr. S. John Brodrick has decided against the abolition of Geoper's Hill Engineering

The Chinese Honeymoon reached its 1,000th performance at the Strand Theatre, London,

Professor Simpson has gone out to Johannesburg, where there has been a serious outbreak of plague in the coolie location.

It was reported yesterday that a Chinese woman was found at Kowloon City wharf removing a Chinese corpse, dead from plague.

According to Sport and Gossip, Mr. Alec. Murch is contemplating another visit to Shanghai at no very distant date. He is at present, as we announced recently, in India.

From the particulars given in the Civil Service Estimates for the coming financial year Consuls at Moukden, Antung, and Kongmoon.

The shipments of Ceylon tea to Russia, says suffer in their tea.

Major Sir Matthew Nathan. R.E., our new Governor, was among those present to bid farewell to Sir John Anderson at Victoria Station on the 24th ult., on his departure to take up the Governorship of the Straits Settlements, .

Seven robbers armed with rifles and daggers have attacked the branch of the Russo-Chinese Bank at Bokhara, on the Transcaspian Railway. wounding three persons, including the manager.

According to an English missionary who arrived at Gensan from the north of Corea there are indications that Coroans in the region lying to the north of Hamheung are organising with the purpose of opposing the Japanese.

Not long ago, the Globe records, a heavy load of old iron was being carried in a cart down the Strand. The lumbering vehicle blocked the traffic, and the British 'bus-driver began to search eagerly in his mind for some suitable comment. At last he found one. "Nah, then," he said, with asperity, "get on there with yer Russian Navy.

The first consignments of building material clusively, but additional evidence can be for the new floating dock at Kinochan have left Germany. The dock will consist of five separate pontoons, with a total loading capacity of 16,000 tons, and will be able to accommodate the largest battleship in the German Navy, as well as the big liners of the Hamburg and ment sees now how Russia has been led by Bremen Steamship Companies.

A writer in a paper just to hand points out 1. An Odessa telegram to the Standard, dated that with Japan holding Port Arthur in the 17th March, says :- It is semi-officially strength and England holding Weihaiwei in announced that the interruption to the Russosimilar strength the integrity of China would | Chinese tea trade by land and sea will not very be assured in spite of all other Powers.

regiments, referred eloquently to the success of Japan, and expressed the hope that his army would give a similar account of themselves if necessity arose.

We have received from the Kobe Chronicle import of Ceylon and Indian teas. office Part I. of A Diary of the Russo-Japunese War, with maps and illustrations, which is now in its second edition, and from the Kobe 1 Hera'd office an illustrated War Supplement. ductions and give a good idea of the enterprise of our Kobe contemporaries.

On the 24th ult, Dr. Macnamara asked in the House of Commons what regulations were to be Since he came out to the Far East he has proposed for the treatment of the children of coolies in the Transvanl on reaching 16 years of age. Mr. Lyttelton said: No regulations appear to be necessary, seeing that no children over 10 will be introduced, and the labourer can not remain for more than six years.

Captain Percy Scott, who, under special Admiralty instructions, has been engaged at Gibraltar in connection with some extensive gunnery trials which have been carried out by the Victorious, first-class battleship, flying the flag of Rear-Admiral the Hon. Hedworth he has involved Russia in a war opening Lambton, returned to Portmouth last month and resumed the command of the Naval Gunnery School of that port.

In the House of Commons, on the 24th ult easily estimated. The fault, of course, is in answer to Mr. Weir. Earl Percy said His Majesty's Consul-General at Canton reported on the 5th October that the Vicercy had instructed the Hoppe to immediately request the Commissioner of Customs to take the necessary steps for carrying out the provisions of the treaty; and a preliminary survey of the harbour has been made by a Chinese Revenue cutter with a view to the removal of obstructions. His Mafolly in misreading Japan's intentions as he | jesty's Government have received no further

> British and American authors and publishers continue to flood the market with books on Japan and China. Among them we notice one called Opium and Missionaries in China by Mr. Arthur Davenport. The writer's object is to point out the injury inflicted on our prestige through the widespread allegation that "we have forced opium on China." He also suggests a total cliange in our present method of mis. sionary propaganda, which, he contends, hasproduced rebellion and fatal riots, followed by wholesale reprisals by foreigners, alike in Manchuria and China."

> It seems certain now that the threatened deportation from Tientsin of Mr. Cowen, Editor of the China Times, has been abandoned. as Mr. Cowen has resumed the editorship. The Kobe Chronicle makes the following comment: - Though the accused in such a case does not seem to have any right of appeal under the Orders in Conneil, such a sentence must be reviewed by the Chief Justice at Shanghai, and only on his approval can it go into operation. Presumably the Chief Justice has not approved. and the matter will be allowed to drop. If our surmise is correct, the condition that such sentences passed by a Provincial Court must be reviewed by the Judge of the Supreme Court has proved a real safeguard to the freedom of the English Press in China.

The most furious man in America on the day that Japan's first great naval victory over Russia was announced was Richard Mansfield, says an American contemporary. Until the war cloud Meeting of the Hongkong Gymkhana Club will assumed serious proportions Mr. Mansfield had we learn provision is made for new British about decided to postpone his production of the programme has been drawn up, and as the event Russian play Ivan the Terrible until next have filled well good sport is assured. There season. But when war became assured, and the are in all six races—the Grantham Cup, the immediate victory of the Russians, in Mr. East Point Cup, the Ichiban Cup, Polo Pony the Times of Ceylon, are continuing merrily, and | Mansfield's mind, became a foregone conclusion, | Scurry, the Gymkhana Club Challenge Cup, and whatever hardships the Russians may have to be determined to rush the Russian play to the the Primrose Cup. Mr. F. H. Lyons, R.N., undergo in consequence of the war, they won't front of his repertoire at once. Now, when the will act as clerk of the scales, Mr. H. P. White play is all ready for production. Mr. Mansfield as judge, Mr. G. C. C. Master as starter, Mr. has suddenly discovered that the Japanese are W. W. G. Ross as second starter, and Mr. J. not only in the ascendant, but that the sympathy | R. Michael as time-keeper, while the secretarial aroused throughout the country is so great that | duties fall upon Mr. F. B. Deacon. The band unless Ivan the Terrible turns out to be a really of the Sherwood Foresters will play a progreat and absorbing drama its chances of popularity have been seriously handicapped. -

> By kind permission of Major Radcliff and officers, the Band of the 93rd Barma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel from 8 to 9.30 p.m. to-night. Programme :--

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According to Indian frontier advices, the taken for keeping up the supply as nearly as Russian reverses are the principal topic in possible to its normal standard. This year and Afghanistan. The Amir, lately reviewing his next the China teas for Russia will come through London. Arrangements have already been made for the import, through the British Metropolitan port, of ninety million pounds of China tea. Whatever gap there may be in the China supply will be made up by the increased

The London Daily Mail has been enlightening its readers as to the heavy cost of war news. Although the rate for Press cables is only also well illustrated. Both are excellent pro- 1s. 11d. a word, as compared with 7s. tid. a word ir ordinary messages, a London newspaper, it says, often finds its cabling bill for the week's war news amounting to £1,200, and this irrespective of the amounts paid to various agencies, such as Renter's. The Mail mentions that the special correspondent of a London morning journal cabled an important message to his paper recently which cost nearly £200, and that amount was literally thrown into the waster paper basket as the Japanese Legation had previously supplied the paper with practically the same message.

> Society. The presentation took place on board | denounces the increased du'y on Tea. the steamship Arabia, at Tilbury_Dock, in the presence of the whole of the ship's officers and crew and of various officials. The Stanhope gold medal is awarded by the Society in recognition of what is adjudged to be the greatest act of heroism performed during the year. Mr. Shearing, while fourth officer of the Malacca, leaped overboard one night in the China Sea, during a heavy sea and with a strong tide. running, and rescued one of the ship's quarter: masters, who had fallen overboard.

With regard to the new U. S. War Secretary. an American correspondent sends an interesting letter on the personality of Mr. Taft and his work in the Philippines, which he thinks could not fail to attract attention at home. When a vacancy occurred in the Supreme Court of the United States President Roosevelt tendered the position to Governor Taft, who refused it. When he finally agreed to accept the War Office appointment the only way of satisfying the demands of the islanders was through the assurance that, though he would be at home, he would be at the head of the department vested with the duty of choosing his own successor and in control of the workwhich he had organised and carried out.

NAVAL NOTES.

H.M.S. Espiegle, Comdr. E. G. Barton, has returned from Weihaiwei. Yesterday afternoon the British fleet returned from Mirs Bay, the vessels being the battleships Glory, Albion, Ocean, Vengeance, and

Amphitrite, and the desputch-bout Alacrity. Capt Greet, who is taking over command of the Ocean, vice Rear-Admiral Foote, arrived from England by the P. & O. s.s. Chusan

Centurion, the ernisers Talbot, Gressy, and

The Chinese gun-boat Chan Fung, yesterday passed through Hongkong Harbour, on her way from San: Sze Mun to Canton.

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

This afternoon at Happy Valley the first be held, commencing at 4 o'clock. A capital gramme of music, and given good weather the Gymkhana should be a great success.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT AT THE THEATRE.

orchestral concert in the Theatre last night. to be a good "smoker," we are told, at the gymna-a Band from a German warship visiting the port has given an orchestral concert in the Theatre, and the Hansa's band was favoured last night with a full house. An excellent programme was provided embracing selections from the works of Weber, Schumann, Gounod-Czibulka, Brahms, Schubert, Wagner and Stuart. We do not know that the Hansa's Band has given a concert before in the Colony, but it is safe to say that they will be welcomed by lovers of music in the Colony whenever they are visiting Hongkong again. The entire programme was played in first-class style and each item it was evident was keenly enjoyed by the audience. In acknowledgement of the the enthusiastic appreciation of the audience, two or three extra pieces were played, the concert being brought to a close shortly after eleven with a few bars of the British national | Sea. authem.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

PROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

THE BELGIAN ROYAL LAWSUIT.

KING LEOPOLD WINS.

LONDON, 21st Ap., 11 a.m.

The Brussels Tribunal yesterday refused and Stephanie against their father, King

another column.—ED. D.P.]

REUTER'S SERVICE. THE BUDGET.

LONDON, 20th April. The Tea resolution was adopted after an amendment by Mr. Lough in favour of 6d. per pound, which was rejected by 265 to 193. The additional duty on Tobacco was also adopted by 200 to 106. The newspapers Mr. J. Shearme, third officer of the Penin- generally receive the Budget most favourably, sular and Oriental steamer Candia, was last but the Conservative organs simultaneously month presented with the Stanhops gold medal insist on the urgent necessity for reducing the by Mr. H. H. Joseph, General Manager of the | national expenditure, especially in view of the Company, on behalf of the Royal Humane income tax. The Daity News vehemently

ADMIRAL ALEXIEFF'S RESIGNATION.

London, 20th April. Admiral Alexieff has resigned finding himself practically superseded except in Civil affairs. Moreover the appointment of Admiral Skrydloff, who is notoriously hostile to Admiral-Alexieff, was made without consulting him.

THE TIBET EXPEDITION.

London, 20th April, The House of Lords has adopted a resolution authorising the Tibet expedition.

WAR NOTES

THE- COSSACKS.

A Japanese officer, who has had a chance of meeting the Cossaeks in North Cores, has recently forwarded the following report to the Government. The Cossacks do not carry any baggage. They cat fowls raw and even candles when hungry. The Coreans are surprised by the primitive state of living of the Cossacks. The Cossacks wear overcoats of soft leather lined with sheepskin, and often camp outside of cottages, without going inside. They might almost be likened to wild beasts. They five like shepherds, and lie down in the field. They can therefore travel fifty miles a day without difficulty, and it is hard work to capture them. Their horses are often fed with rice instead of proper food. The speed of the horses is not much superior to that of the Japanese horses; but the Cossacks can travel faster than the Japanese over the hills, through forests and over rough country. The Cossacks are timid. more afraid of death than was expected. This view has been confirmed by several reports received from scouts. During the engagement at Teishu on the 28th ult. the Cossacks were fully aware of the inferior position of the Japanese, but they utterly failed to take the aggressive. After two hours' firing they retreated suddenly on seeing the advance of the Japanese Infantry. Lieutenant Yugami with twenty men was able to hold his position against seventy or eighty Russians during the engagement. This may be regarded as proof of the Japanese soldiers' courage; but on the other hand it shows the Cossacks' lack of a warlike spirit.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

THE SWIMMING SEASON. Members of the V.R.C. have recommenced swimming. At low-water one has to be rather brave to tackle the somewhat doubtful odourt of rotten seaweed in the basin, but-there is always good plunging to be had on the off side of the pier. Water-polo, of course, will soon take the place of boating. As a matter fact, although there is a scratch four-oared on the 30th, it is sometimes; difficult to muster crews now. Tennis attractions on the Hongkong side are some measure responsible for this, but, anyhow, that a whole community should find themselves By kind permission of Rear-Admiral von the weather is becoming warmer daily, and Holtzendorff, the Band of the Hansa gave an splashing is really already in season. There is buting. The performance commences at 9 p.m. sharp, and a late ferry, from Kowloon to Hongkong, will run at 12.15 a.m. Shortly, perhaps, there will be children's races, as, it will be remembered, the weather prevented them ac

WEATHER REPORT.

the recent V.R.C. Athletic Sports.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report :--

On the 22nd at 11,30 a.m. The barometer has risen in Japan, where the greatest pressure is now found, and fallen in China. China, and for the present the monsoon is interrapted upon the China Coast.

Light variable winds will be met with in the Formosa Channel, and light E. to SE. winds will prevail in the northern part of the China

Forecast :- Light E. winds; overcast, dull.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE SMOKE NUISANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 21st April. Sir,-It is satisfactory to see that the Sanitary Board is taking steps to abate the smoke nuisance. Dense volumes of black smoke should not be allowed to be discharged from almost every smoke-stack in the Colony. It is unnecessary, and can be avoided. Such being the case, it is intolerable that in the neighbourhood of smoke-stroks the atmosphere should be so charged with particles of unoxidised carbon as not only to render the the application of the Princesses Louise necessary process of respiration an extremely unpleasant one, but frequently to almost shut from view the surrounding scenery. With properly constructed furnaces, and when so Particulars of this lawsuit will be found in | constructed properly used, this muisance would be abated; in fact it should be absolutely stopped. Faulty construction of the furnaces, had stoking, and passing too much air through the grate, are mainly responsible for the emission of black smoke-in other words, of particles of carbon which have not been exidised in the furnace and are allowed to flow out of the chimney. to become a nuisance to the neighbourhood. By using Welsh smokeless coul, and by exercising sufficient supervision at the furnace to see that rational stoking is employed, there will be no smoke nnisance, provided the furnace is properly constructed. If smokeless coal is unobtainable liquid fuel could be used, and, if sprayed into the furnace intelligently, by means of an apparatus, such as Holden's liquid fuel injector (the cost of which is not great). practically no unoxidised earbon would leave the smoke-stack. Liquid fuel can, I believe, be had in abundance and at a lower price than even Japanese coal. unit for unit of calorific power. There is another means of abating the smoke nuisance, viz., by drawing off the gases of combustion and forcing them through a water-spray by means of a properly constructed fan situated in the exit flue of the furnace. By this means the unoxidised particles of carbon, as well as the light particles of ash, are washed out of the escaping gases, and a clear chimney top is the result. The smoke nuisance can be abated, and I sincerely hope that the Sanitary Board will

BAND PERFORMANCES

not rest until every smoke-stack over which they

have jurisdiction will have ceased to belch forth

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

black smoke -I am, Sir, Yours faithfully,

Kowloon, 21st April. SIR,—Your correspondent "Semibreve" is worthy of support in his suggestion that we ought to have a Town Band in Hongkong, and possibly he may be right when he says that, in comparison with Shangimi, Singapore, and Manila, things are greatly mismanaged here. On the supposition that the proposed Town Band would be a good one it would undoubtedly be a great acquisition and supply a long-felt public want. Meanwhile, in the absence of the Town Baud, the services of the various military bands in the Colony are gratuitously given by the kindness of the military authorities. "Semibreve" is apparently ignorant of the fact that these bands are supported mainly by the officers of the regiment, and that the "hand-" some sums " which the "languid and weary taxpayers disgorge" are devoted to a military and not to a musical, object. It might be well to point out for the benefit of this correspondent that the tone of his letter and his regrets that he is dependent on "the whims of goldlaced officers" are hardly calculated to promote a continuance of the kindness hitherto shown. -- Yours, etc..

MILES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 22nd April. SIR,-I have just read the miserable defence of your correspondent "Gold Lace," and am hardly surprised that the facts I submitted should not have met with his approval. Anybody with ordinary intelligence is thoroughly. aware of the fact that the instruments and music of a military band are furnished from the private funds of officers, but it is equally undeniable that the men who comprise the strength of a military band are in the pay and service of the State, and not in those of the officers, hence if it is a privilege that officers think they are conferring by permitting their bands to play in public, none the less is it a privilege that they are allowed by the State to enjoy the exclusive services of these men. Hongkong at the present moment is equipped with no less than four military bands, and it is a disgrace at the mercy of a handful of officers.

SEMIBREYE. [With reference to this correspondence on "Band Performances," we should prefer that the writers would express their views with less acrimony. As it is, we have decided to withhold one letter and omit a few lines in one of those published above. Abuse is not argument.—En. D.P.]

-Yours faithfully,

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

BLAKE SHIELD COMPETITION. Practice for this competition will be held on the range to-day at 2.30 p.m. The following are likely to compete :- Capt. Skinner, Lieut. Lammert, Lieut. Scott, Sergt.-Major Rodger, Sergt.-A depression h s been formed in Northern | Major McKenzie, Sergt. Terrill, Sergt. Gloyn, Sergt. Andrew, Corpl. Gidley, Bombr. McCorquodale, Bombr. Stephenson, Gun. Horley, Gun. Grimshaw, Gun. A. Watson, Gun. Crosbie. There will be a handicap competition for Spoons presented by Capt. Skinner if a sufficient number are present.

VERDICT FOR KING LEOPOLD.

As will be seen from a telegram in another column, the tribunal which has sat in the Belgian Royal lawsuit has refused the application of Princess Stephanie and Princess Louise with reference to the late Queen's will. The hearing of the case commenced at the beginning of last month and finished on the 15th alt.

The object of the action was to decide whether King Leopold and the late Queen were married under the law of the community of property or otherwise. The applicants claimed that the Queen's estate should include half the King's fortune. King Leopold, however, claimed that the marriage took place under the law of the separation des biens. In other words, that the succession of the Queen should only comprise such property as was hers prior to her marriage.

had officially announced his intention to dis-Princess's creditors.

The following are extracts from the will of her late Majesty which were read in Court :--

"My personal property, coming from my father, my dowry, and the inheritance of my mother and my grandmother, of Wurtemburg, are to be divided according to Belgian law, into four parts: one for each of my three daughters, the fourth remaining at my disposal. According to my marriage contract, I also should have the right to dispose of my dowry-200,000 Austrian florius. I have not touched one centime either of this money or the interest. I affirm that all my attempts to truce this dowry have been fruitless."

Counsel for Princess Stéphanie, in addressing the Court said she owed it to her dignity to claim her portion, not for the money's sake, but to vindicate her position as a Royal daughter who would not submit to being treated as an outcast: The Emperor of Austria had not discarded her. King Leopold was only moved by morcenary motives and by hatred of his own flesh and blood compelling his daughter to sue him for alimony. The King violated the principles of the law with the complicity of the nation in giving away to the nation family properties in which his children should share. The latter had been robbed for the profit of the State. Her only crime after the terrible experience of a marriage with Archduke Rudolph was to marry a less exalted and more honourable man. For this her Royal father in his pride punished her, disinherited her, and gave her property away to the nation.

The King's defence was that the marriage contract between him and his father-in-law, the Emperor of Austria, constituted a political and international act, and the judicial authority of Belgium could not pronounce it null and void.

POLICE COURT.

Friday, 22nd April.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE):

SEVEN MEN DISCHARGED.

Seven junk-men were charged on remand with unlawful possession of 24 bags of sugar. Mr. Paget Hett, solicitor, appeared for the defence, and the men were discharged.

A COOLIE'S FAREWELL.

Three coolies bound to South Africa, where they hope to make a fortune at the mines, were charged with assaulting a woman at Yaumati. being jealous of another mun. They were

fined 310 apiece. FAILING TO REGISTER.

A Chinaman was charged with keeping three emigrants without registering them. He was fined \$10 an emigant, or \$30 in all.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

"OVERCROWDING AT THE HONGKONG CLUB. An occupant of No. 259, Des Voux Road West was charged with keeping a boarding house and not registering it as such. Mr. P. W. Goldring, solicitor, of Mr. John Hastings's office. appeared for the defence. He explained that defendant, his partners in business, their sons, shop-assistants, etc., lived above the shop, this being Chinese custom. If this could be taken as overcrowding in a three-story house, too many European residences, and even the Hongkong Club, would be liable. Legislation was required to amond this ordinance, or it would act as a hardship on many respectable families, Chinese and European.

Mr Kemp said he would inflict the nominal fine of \$1; if defendant desired to keep so many people on his premises he should register the place us a boarding house.

Mr. Goldring said his client would shut up shop first; he hoped the ordinance would be amended.

A 8500 FINE.

To Ling admitted possessing 32 taels of opium, and was ordered to pay a fine of \$500. She did so without any hesitation, handing over five \$100 notes.

LABOUR FOR THE RAND.

TERMS OF CONTRACT.

The actual form of contract for the enlistment of Chinese labourers for the Rand mines has not yet been published by the home Government, but the general terms can be gathered from the prospectuses which have been and are being scattered broadcast over the China coast-Until the form fixed upon arrives here there cannot of course be any enrolment of labourers, but we understand that the agencies already established are all in readiness to take on coolies, of whom there is an unlimited number available, as soon as the contract forms as sanctioned by Government have arrived from England.

The prospectuses above mentioned bear that the engagement is for three years from the date of the labourer's arrival. The employer will transport him free of cost by land or sea Princess Stephanie declared that the King providing accommodation, food, and medical inherit her completely, and that he has left reasonable supply of clothes and other private This naturally was not pleasant to the pedlars her without means, having for several months effects to be carried free of cost. During the and they began plotting against the efficials ceased to pay her pension. She averred that engagement employer provides housing, food, who had injured them. A few weeks ago a man the menace of disinheritance appeared to attack and medical attendance free of all charge, armed with a sword climbed the wall of the blame to her coming from a father and a At the conclusion of his term the labourer Foreign Minister's house and searched the sovereign, and could not be submitted to in will be transported back whence he came place, but as the Minister was fortunately silence. Princess Louise, who has enormous free of cost, and other conditions as before. spending the night elsewhere the assassin could debts, was also a party in the smit, which indeed If the labourer wishes to renew his engage not find him. Enraged at his failure, the was forced forward by the claims of the two ment he can do so in such manner and felon struck the door-sill of the Minister's

passage home, etc. The rate of pay is 25/-per calendar month; the day's work not to exceed ten hours, and the labourer not to be compelled to work on Sundays and various Chinese festival days (seven in all) except as overtime. As soon as the labourers arrive at the mines a system of piecepiece-work payment will be fixed such a scale that a really efficient and industrious workman will be able to earn more than 25/- per month, and the best as much as 50/- If a labourer is unable to work through sickness he will not get paid for the days he is off but will continue to receive free food and housing. Should a labourer refuse to work or become permanently anable to work from any cause, the employer will be allowed to terminate the engagement, but will be bound to transport him to China. Should be become permanently disabled by an acceident incurred in the employer's service, not through his own fault, the employer shall pay to him as compensation 50/-, to be handed to him on landing in China. Should a labourer die from accident under similar conditions, the employer shall pay to his representative (to be named in the contract) the

sum of 100/-. In the event of the labourer dying during his engagement his remains will be buried decently on land according to Chinese custom. If the labourers desire to form societies among fliemselves for the purpose of embalming or otherwise preserving the bodies of any of their number who may die and send them back to China, every assistance and facility within the power of the employers will be given to those societies, and the body will be transported free

of cost to China. The labourer shall be entitled to make an allotment of his wages to be paid in China to his family or representative, the amount and the name of the receiver to be stated on the contract. This allotment the employer undertakes payment of in China, the first payment to be rande at the end of the first month after the labourer's arrival in the Transvaal and the subsequent payments monthly as long as the labourer continues to be employed no change in this arrangement to be made but by mutual consent. The employer undertakes to advance to each labourer before starting the sum of \$30 for purposes of outfit, making provision for his family, etc., which sum he will have to repay within six months from the date of his commencing work.

CHURCH SERVICES.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL. April 24th; Erd Sunday after Easter. Holy Communion (7.30 s.m.) Matins (11.0 a.m.)

Responses, Tallis; Venite, Novello; Psalms, Camidge, Kinkee and Travers; To Doum, Steggall in G; Benedictus, Troutbeck in G Anthem. "O how smisble are Thy dwellings Barnby : Hymns, 232 & 302.

Evensong (5.45 p.m.). (Eve of St. Mark's Day) Responses, Tallis; Psalme, Fitzherbert, Naver Rimbault and Hindle; Magnificat, Smart in A. Nune Dimittis, Medley in G; Hymns, 410, 176 and 436: Vesper Hymn-Ward (No. 2); Voluntaries, Offertoire, Barnby, "Chanson Triste, Tschaikowsky.

S. PETER'S CHURCH. Queen's Road West. Matins (11 a.m.). Venite, Smart; Te Deum, Gregory; Bene-

dictus, Smart; Hymns, 91, 485, 593, and 294. Evensong (6.30 p.m.). Magnificat, Turle; Nuac Dimittie, Jones; Hymns, 105, 491, 254, and 592.

Holy Communion, 7.45 p.m. The Church launch Dayspring will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services, between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 10.30 and 6); returning afterwards. The Answering Pennant is the call flag. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c., provided. Sunday School 10-10.45 a.m.

GOSPEL HALL. Arsenal Street, Top Floor, off Queen's Road

Meetings are held as follows :- Sunday --Acts 2, 42, II a.m.; Gospel Address, 6 p.m. Tuesday-Soldiers' and Sailors' Bible Class

Thursday-General Bible Class, 6 p.m. Sunday-Prayer Meeting, at 6 p.m.

THE "PEDLARS' GUILD."

In an account of the recent attack on the house in Seoul of the Minister for Foreign A fairs, which was instigated by the Pedlars' Guild, the Korea Review, referring to that society, says the past few weeks have witnessed almost its dying gasp. Our contemporary points out that what was once a simple mercantile society composed of travelling merchants or pedlars, has been transformed and corrupted into a so-called podlars' guild which was in truth a gang of desperadoes who under cover of the name "private police" were prepared to de any dirty work that unscrupulous officials in high places saw fit to give them. "They have been the most dangerous element in Scoul all these weeks," continues the Review, "and the only anxiety of the foreigners in Seoul was lest this gang of hoodlums should break out in some manner before the arrival of Japanese troops. Now that the Japanese are in power here hey have caused a royal edict to be promul attendance as required by British laws; a gated doing away with the Pedlars' Guild. for such period as the laws provide, and at the private room a vicious blow with his sword and end of his extended term he is entitled to free then decamped. The same night three other houses were attacked with explosive bombs, but the material with which they were charged was of such poor quality that they could do little damage. Since that time it has been found out that the ringleaders in these cowardly assaults were-officials who lately held high power on the Russian side of the fence, and at work will be arranged for most kinds of the present moment these men are being sought work, and the labourer will have a choice of for and arrested as rapidly as possible. It is being paid thus or on a fixed wage system. The certain that when the Russians were inon fluential in Seoul they used the very worst elements in the Government and among the people to effect their ends. The real head of this Pedlars' Guild was an official high in the favour of the Russians."

JAPANESE VIEWS AND AIMS.

Baron Suyematsu, who, as our London correspondent announced last month, is on visit to England, has explained his views to a representative of Renter's agency. First he said :- " I am not here on any definite mission I have come to England for reasons of health and again to visit scenes with which I was familiar many years ago, but if I can be of any arrangements of the Government, and will Banking Corporation doing profitable business enable us to make improvements in different are now existent. directions and to promote public works. But whether a foreign loan be obtainable or not, it will make no difference to the prosecution of the war. We are not waging this war for the purpose of material gain, and, if successful, we have no intention of enlarging our territory. If Russia be beaten we have no intention to take Manchuria. This is far from our desire, which is that Manchuria shall be an integral part of the Chinese Empire. With regard to the railway, its future state will depend upon clear that the line will be useless to Russia for military purposes. It is difficult to speak of what may happen, and I cannot say what will be the future of such a gigantic country still be placed at \$60. Yangtszes are wanted as Russia. All I can say with certainly is that we shall do our work in such a way as to secure peace for at least some decades."

Asked for his views regarding the position of Japan among the nations, Baron Suyematsu remarked:-"I have seen a good deal written about the possibility or necessity of Japan adopting Christianity together with Western methods, but the religious aspect of the matter I do not care to discuss. What is called the Yellow Peril seems to me to be a kind of nightmare. For the past thirty or forty years our European ideas and European modern civilisation, and to the eradication of race feelings. In other words, we have sought to make brotherhood with Occidentals, and to adopt their modes of thought and reason. Of course, by this do not mean that we intend to relinquish our national existence; but if with this the Occidental Powers take us into their brotherhood that is the end of our aspiration. On this matter we feel very grateful to England, who took the first step by giving us a place in international comity by the revision of the Treaties, and subsequently by the sympathy she has shown us from time to time, and especially at this moment. We believe that the Anglo-Japanese Alliance is beneficial for both countries. It benefits England inasmuch as she knows that Japan can be relied on to carry out in the Far East a policy common to both tinue steady with probable sellers at \$132. countries. It benefits Japan because our interests are identical with those of our ally. Shanghai Lands have improved in the North We have done nothing unjust in the present to Tis. 108. crisis, and we are determined to pursue the policy on which we have embarked and can confidently ask for sympathy in what the future may bring us. But we do not ask for anything more than sympathy. We want no assistance with arms, but without the sympathy of the civilised nations we do not expect to attain our ends. Therefore, we are determined to carry on this war strictly in the sense of modern civilisation.

KIAOCHAU.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT The recent opening to traffic of the whole railway line from Tsintau to Tsinanfu, the provincial capital of Shantung, a distance of 230 miles, and the approaching completion of the large harbour in Kiaochau Bay offer the brightest prospects for the development of the trade and shipping of Shantung and its new port. Indeed, the growing importance of the improved harbour is well established by the statistical abstracts published by the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs. The transit of dutiable goods at Tsintau rese, during the year ending on the 3 th September last, to 171 millions Mex. dollars, as against 91 millions in the two previous years, showing an increase of not less than 81 per cont. As the railway has only just now reached the centre of the silk growing district of the Shantung peninsula, a further large increase in the value of exported goods may be safely anticipated. As regards heavy traffic, coal will soon form an important item, the daily output at the mines having risen from 100 tons in September to 260 tons in December. In the shipping returns the extraordinary advance of the Japanese and English flags is most remarkable. The former was principally brought about by the Osaka Shosen Kniska running, with a subvention Quartermaster. from the Imperial Japanese Government, a regular line of mail steamers from Kobe to Teintau, bringing the number of Japanese steamers up to 41 against : 9 in the previous year. The English flag is now chiefly represented by the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., running, since November, 1903, a regular weekly line between Shanghai and Tsintau. Until now, the Hamburg-American Line had the lion's share in the North-China Coast traffic for the German port; about 67 per cent, of the whole shipping belonging to this single company. Its steamers were also the first that plied directly between the Bund at Tientsia and Tsintau

If we look at the Customs Returns of non-Chinese wards, we notice in some articles an increase of more than a hundred per cent. over the imports of the previous year. Thus, e.g. the weight of cotton yarns, that paid duty, at the Tsintau Chinese Customs, rose from 58,054 piculs to 127,136 piculs; needles, from 33,930 to 75,163 thousand; matches, from 321,797 to 732,498 gross; raw cotton, from 13,275 to 35,138 piculs. Japan especially has been able o get her full share in this rapid advance. The value of her imports, amounting to 651,760 yen in 1901, and 1626.431 yen in the whole of 1902, was in the period of only eight months, from January to August 1903; entered at 2,323,195 yen worth service to my country by explaining her position of dutiable manufactured goods. On the side at this juncture I shall be very glad." Speak- of the exports, besides coal, sits and bean oil ing of Japan's financial position, the Baron show the largest increase. From the Report of said :- "Although we are not so rich as the the German Government we gather that the Great Powers of Europe we can carry on this war | barbour has led to a flour shing building with our own money for some years. If a | industry, and that all legal and economical loan be obtainable it will benefit the financial | conditions for a large Real Estate Investment

- JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 22nd April, 1904 -During the past week a good general enquiry has continued to prevail and a fair volume of business has been transacted in most of our principal stocks at advancing rates.

BANKS.-Hongkong and Shanghais have ruled firm, and fair sales have been effected at the improved-rate of \$6575, at which a few more shares are obtainable. London has advanced to circumstances, but if Japan is successful, it is £64. Nationals have continued in request, and sales have been booked at 836.

MARINE INSURANCES .- Unions continue in demand and \$520 is now offered without attracting sellers. China Traders have sold and can at \$135 and Cantons at the improved rate of

FIRE INSURANCES .- Hongkongs have sold and are in further request at 8290. Chinas have been booked at \$834 and close with probable buyers at the rate.

SHIPPING.-Hongkoug, Canton and Macaos have again been booked at \$284 and \$29 and more shares are enquired for. Indo-Chinas advanced during the early part of the week to \$97, but are somewhat easier at the close with sellers at \$96, buyers at \$95. China and Manilas continue on offer at \$214. Douglases after sales at \$352 and \$36 are enquired for at \$362 Star Ferries have advanced and can now be placed at \$32 and \$20 for the old and new issues efforts have been directed to assimilating respectively. Shell Transports have sold at 22/- and 22/6 and close steady.

RE INERIES .- China Sugars have continued to advance, and after sales at from \$123 to \$128 are in further demand at the higher rate. Luzons continue neglected at \$10 sellers.

MINING.-No business is reported under this head. Raubs close weak with sellers at \$6. DOCKS, WHAVES, AND GODOWNS. - Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have firmed up and now close in request at \$208 after sales at \$206 and \$207 for cash and the settlement. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves show a further advance, sales having been effected at from \$96 to \$100, the market closing steady at the latter rate. New Amoy Docks have receded to \$321 sellers. Farnhams after local sales at Tls. 150 have receded in the North to Tls, 145 at which rate, however, there are buyers.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS,-Hongkong Lands have sold at \$147 and close some. what firmer with buyers at \$148. Kowloon Lands are unchanged at \$35. West Points are enquired for at \$52. Hongkong Hotels con-Humphrey's Estates are in request at \$10% and Sla for the old and new issues respectively.

*Cotton Mills.-Quotations are unchanged. and no business is reported in this section.

MISC LLANOUS .- Green Island Cements have been booked at \$221. China Borneos have improved to S81 buyers. Watsons have sold and are in further request at 3141. Electrics here buyers at \$13 and \$7 for the old and new issues respectively. Dairy Farms have improved to \$13 buyers and United Asbestos (ordinary) to \$91 after sales at \$9. China Providents have been booked at \$8.90 and Powells at \$91, the latter closing in further request.

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Art. I .- All the Press correspondents with this Army shall act according to these regula-

Art. II .- The general affairs concerning Press correspondents shall be under the manage. ment of Adjutants, and their supervision and the inspection of their correspondence shall be under the Staff Department.

Lodging and subsistence of Press correspondents in the field shall be directed by the

Art. III .- Press correspondents shall be commanded by the supervising officer, obey the orders of this Army Headquarters, and act according to the instructions given by it.

Art. IV,-Press correspondents should look and behave decently and should never do anything disorderly Art. V .- Press correspondents should take

care not to do anything harmful to the troops and never enter the office-rooms of the Headquarters. Art. VI.-When thought necessary by the Army Headquarters, Press correspondents may be attached to some of the Army's detachments, in which case Press correspondents shall be commanded by the commander of that detachment or by the supervising officer and obey his

Art. VII.—Press correspondents shall not go about in the battle-field except at the time and place shown by the supervising officer or the detachment commander.

Art. VIII.-All the correspondence of Press correspondents (including their reports, private letters, telegrams etc.) must be inspected by the supervising officer before sending. The supervising officer, after inspecting such

stamp "passed inspection" upon the envelope, the note-paper, or the telegraph application paper, and then give it back to the sender. The name of the correspondent and of the Press he represents, must always be written on the envelope or the front page of the report.

correspondence, shall soul (if enveloped) and

Art. IX.—Correspondence without the inspector's stamp is not allowed. Art. X.-Correspondence in a foreign language may in some cases be requested to be

accompanied by a Japanese translation, or the kind of language to be used may be limited. Art. XI.-Correspondents must pay particu-

lar attention to the following items: 1. Things liable to disturb the public peace orto dispirit the troops should not be written.

2. Only the facts of the past may be written in regard to the actions of the troops and never the things to happen in future or of mere sup-

3. Strength of our troops, their number, their locations, and the time and place of despatching correspondence must not be written unless it is allowed by the supervising officer.

Art. XII .- One representative shall be chosen each among the Japanese and the foreign correspondents." These representatives are to go between the Headquarters and the correspondents in regard to matters concerning the correspondents in general.

Art. XIII.-These regulations are to be applied to the interpreters and servants of Press correspondents.

SHIPPING NOTES.

WEATHER.

H.M.S. Espicale experienced moderate monsoon between Weihaiwei and Hongkong. The Hongmoh from the Straits reports fine weather to the Paracels, thence to port fresh monsoon and heavy weather. The Decima from Saigon and the Anghui from Bangkok report likewise.

THE ENGLISH MAIL. The P. & O.s.s. Chusan arrived from Bombay restorday.

The Anghui from Bangkok has 2,100 tons of rice for Mesars. Butterfield & Swire. The Decima from Saigon has 1,200 tons of rice for Messrs. Siemssen & Co.

The Standard, from Cardiff, passing through this port, has 1,740 tons of coal on board: THE "PROMETHEUS."

The Pro ctheus from Liverpool (Messrs Butterfield & Swire) has 6,800 tons of cargo for China coast ports, etc. THE "BANCA."

The P. & O. s.s. Banca, the well-known turret-ship, arrived from Bombay with between 900 and 1,000 tons of cargo for the Far East. THE "HONG MOH."

The Hong Moh, from Penang and Singapore. local agents Messrs. Joo Tek Sang, had 1,086 Chinese deck passengers, and 2,800 tons of cargo. These vessels must be taking a deal of cargo away from the Hongkong companies on the Hongkong-Calcutta run.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS. The Imperial German mail steamer Bayern, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 29th March, left Singapore on Friday, at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at 5 pm.

The Imperial German mail steamer Oldenberg left Aden on Wednesday, at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on Tuceday, the 10th prox. The A.L. steamer Frank Ferdinand left Moji.

for this port on the 21st, inst. The C.P.R. steamer Tartar arrived at Kobe at neon on Wednesday, the 20th inst., and left again at 6.30 p.m. Thursday, via Nagasaki for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 8 a.m. on Monday, the 25th inst.





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No. 30, Cochrane Street, Hongkong. Hongkong, 23rd April, 1904. THE NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

SCRIP LOST.

CRIP Certificate of Four shares numbered 3443 to 3446 inclusive and registered at the Head Office in the name of WING WO () has been declared to be lost, stolen or missaid, and application having been made to the Court of Directors for a duplica e, notice is hereby given that unless the said certificate be presented, or any objection lodged at the Offices of the Company in Shanghai on or before the 14th May, 1904, a new Certificate will be issued. By Order of the Court of Directors, WM. GEO. BAYNE,

Secretary. Hongkong, 23rd April, 1904. PUBLIC AUCTION,

HE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

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THE Imperial German Mail Steamship "BAYERN," Captain H. Formes, due here with the outward German Mail about TUESDAY, at 5 P.M., will leave for the above places about 12/24 hours

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Agents. Hongkong, 23rd April, 1904. PORTLAND AND ASIATIC STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "INDRAVELLI," FROM PORTLAND (OR.), YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND MOJI. THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goeds from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in

any case whatever. ALLAN CAMERON. General Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1903. IN HE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS and

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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1904. OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED,

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ONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

" PROMETHEUS,' are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Gedowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ld., where in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 25th inst.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be-

examined at 11 A.M., on the 29th inst No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown and all Goo's remaining undelivered after the 29th inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 2nd May, or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance has been effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents, Hongkong, 22nd April, 1904.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"BANCA," FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS. Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be serted out, Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 28th inst., at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Cousignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowne.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 22nd April, 1904

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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E. A. HEWETT. Superintendent. Hongkong, 22nd April, 1904.

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FIGHE COMMITTEE invite the Ladies of THE CHINAFIRE INSURANCE CO., LD Hongkong to be present at the First Meeting of the Club TO-DAY (SATURDAY).

28rd inst. The charge for admission will be \$1 for other than Ladies. Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club, and Members of the Hongkong Gymkhana

The first race will start at 4 P.M. F. B. DEACON, Hop. Secretary. A SMOKING CONCERT will be given by.

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> CLUB GYMNASIUM, Kowloon. Admission\$1.00

A Launch will leave Blake Pier for Kowloon

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS. Arrangements have been made with the Star Forry Co., Ld., to run a late Launch from Kowloon at 12.15 A.M.

HAROLD C. AUSTEN, Acting Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 21st April, 1904.

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Care of Office of this Paper. Hongkong, 16th May, 1903.

SANITARY BOARD OFFICE, Mongkong, 18th April, 1904. TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE COLUNY OF HONGKONG AND PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE CITIES OF VICTORIA AND KOW LOON.

FINAKE NOTICE that Vaccination is performed free of charge at the Government Civil Hospital, Tung Wah Hospital, Alice Memorial Hospital and Nethersole Hospital on the days and at the times specified below and that you are strongly advised to avail yourselves of this privilege and attend at one of . these places with your children to be vaccinated in order to protect yourselves from smallpox THOS. A. HANMER,

Acting Secretary. GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL.-Every day except Sunday from 2 to 4 P.M. TUNG WAH HOSPITAL.—On the 1st day of the month (chinese reckoning) and every other

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

CITY OF MANILA.

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARD SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

CEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Office until 12 o'clock. Noon, of the first day of June, 1904, for the construction of the superstructure for a lift bridge over the Binondo canal in the City of Manila, in accordance with plans on file at the Office of the City Engineer.

Bids will be received (1st) for the delivery and erection of the structure complete in every respect and ready for use; (2nd) for the delivery at the wharf in Manila, free from all encumbrances, of all the structural material and machinery of every sort, ready for the erection

of the bridge complete. Each bid shall be accompanied by (1st) a stress sheet showing the maximum live and dead load stresses in each member together with the gross and net sections and the material of which each member is to be composed; (2nd) a certified check payable to the City of Manila in the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,0) United States currency, or its equivalent, as a guaranty that the contractor will within ton (10) days from the awarding of the contract enter into contract with the City of Manila for the faithful A bond of ten per cent. (10%) of the accepted

performance of all the work above specified. bid will be required for the faithful performance and completion of the contract within a period of twelve (12) months from the date of signing the contract.

PRINTED FORMS FOR BIDS, plans and all necessary information may be obtained at the Office of the City Engineer, Manila, P.I. Engineering News Publishing Co., 220 Broadway, New York City, and the Bureau of Insula Affairs, Washington, D.C.

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JOHN M. TUTHER, Secretary. Manila, P.I., January 21st, 1904.

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NOTICE OF FIRM

NOTICE. TIROM This Date, and during the Absence of Mr. GEO. L. TOMLIN from the Colony, Mr. C. PEMBERTON has been appointed ACTING SECRETARY to the Company.

E. GOETZ, Chairman. Hongkong, 30th March, 1934.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company on TUESDAY, the 26th day of APRIL, at Noon, for the purpose of confirming the following Special Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders on the 9th instant.

(a.) In Article 81 the words " Five Hundred Dollars" shall be substituted for the wards "One Hundred and Fifty Dollars," (b.) In Article 102 the words " An Auditor ' shall be substituted for the words "Two Auditors.

(c) In Article 108 the word "Auditor shall be substituted for the word " Auditors." By Urder of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED. General Agents for THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED. Hongkong, 8th April, 1904.

HALL AND HOLTZ, LIMITED.

TITHE 12TH O. DINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the HEAD OFFICE of the Company, No. 29, The Bund, Shanghai, on SATURDAY, 30th APRIL, 1904, at 11 o'clock A.M., when the report and accounts for the year ended 29th February, 1904, will be presented. The TRANSF R B. OKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 21st to 30th

APRIL, both days inclusive. By Order, E. R. PALMER,

Secretary. Hongkong, 19th April, 1904.

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME CERTIFICATE No. 997 dated 25th August, 1884, of the Five Shares Nos. 14181/14185 in this Company, standing in the name of Mr. MOK SE YEONG, of Hongkong, has been LOST, and if at the expiration of One Month from the date hereof the above document be not forthcoming, another Certificate will be issued by the Company. and thereafter no other will be be acknowledged. Dated 4th April, 1904.

C. PEMBERTON. Acting Secretary. Hongkong, 4th April, 1904 UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF

CANTON, LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

N INTERIM BONUS of Twenty per cent. upon contributions for the year HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO. 1903 has been declared. Hongkong, 26th November, 1903. Warrants will be issued on the 4th May. By Order of the Roard,

C. MONTAGUE EDE, Acting Secretary. Hongkong, 15th April, 1904,

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REUTER, BRÖCKELMANN & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 21st April, 1897

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Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Hongkong, 19th June, 1903.

The Undersigned AGENTS for the above

THE BOMBAY FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. THE undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.

L'UNION OF PARIS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. THE Undersigned having been appointed

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. FURNITURE STORE. 1074 PLATED, GLASS AND CROCKERY WARE, &c., &c.; and FOOCHOW LACQUERED WARE.

68, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Hongkong, 21st September, 1903.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. WINFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out from Lyoman (Pak-sha-wan Battery), on the night of the 26th APRIL, 1904, in the direction of [613] the entrance to Junk Bay, at ranges from 600 to 2,000 yards, commencing about 7.15 P M. and finishing about 9.30 c.m., if the range is clear. If the weather is unfavourable, practice will

not take place. By Command, A. M. THOMSON, Acting Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office.

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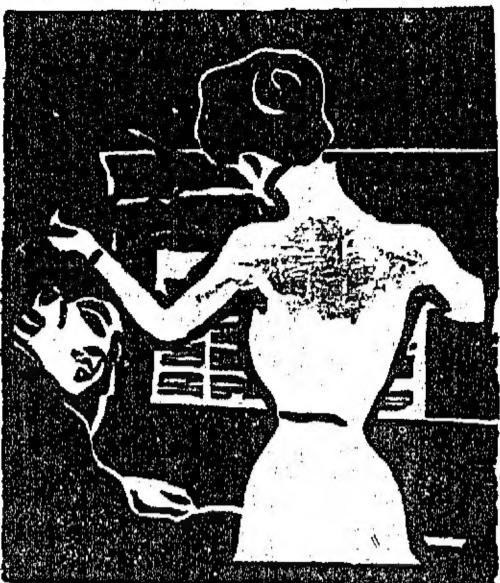
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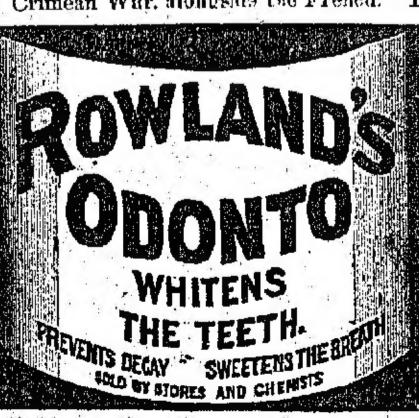
all monks and nuns from teaching, save in private, is declared to be an exceptionally severe the guaranteed liberties of the people. The Premier has come to the conclusion that "clerical teachers deform the minds of French youth." an opinion shared by the majority in the Chamber

of Deputies, judging by the significant fact that the Bill has been declared urgent by 310' to 262 votes. M. Ribot and a few other respect. able members of the Republican party voted against the Bill, for various reasons, partly on Ribot could command a majority in the Chamopposing, much less of scoring a victory against so formidable, a person as M. Combes. The Bill has evidently been most carefully planned out, since the State will not only provide substitutes for the said schools at a cost of £2.400,000, but will in addition expend another £320,000 on increasing the number of male and female teachers in the country. "Liberto Egalile, Fraternile," the motte of Republican France, stands out in strange contrast with the "autocracy" of M. Combes, who never was more controllable stage.

Saturday, the 23rd of next month, arriving next day at Spezzia, where, if there is no strike, he will be present at the launching of a battleship by Queen Helena. In case of labour troubles. the presidential train will proceed direct to Rome. M. Loubet, like the rest of his country. men, attaches a great deal of importance to his Italian visit, which is already predicted to be a political and social success. The Italians are as anxious as the French that the greatest friendship should exist between the two Latin sister nations, A few official visits, followed by a Court dinner, will celebrate the day of arrival of M. Loubet. The gala performance to be given at the Argentina Theatre in honour of the illustrious guest and his party promises to be exceptionally brilliant and will equal in point of splondour the State representation given to the King and Queen of Italy when in Paris. The reception at the Capitol by the Italian Municipality, and a grand review, will further impress M. Loubet how the citizens of Rome desire to make his stay in their capital as welcome as possible. Naples too will be visited. where there will also be a gala performance given at the San Carlo Theatre, and imposing haval review. It is now known that Madame Loubet will not accompany her distinguished husband on his journey south. Nothing is montioned about a visit to the Vatican, where M. Loubst could hardly expect to be received can amore after the way the religious orders have been, and are still, treated in France by M Combes. M. Loubet is certainly placed in. an awkward position. If he goes to Italy without visiting the Pope he is certain to cause considerable trouble; yet, he is well aware that he is not wanted. How this very delicate point is to be settled few can tell.

M. Pelletan, the Minister of Marine, is anxious to obtain fair play in the campaign being conducted against him by his numerous enemies-chiefly advocates of the colonial 1640 policy. The Minister's recent statement before the Budget Committee of the Chumber, respecting the state of the French Naval forces abroad. is a straightforward one, and speaks for itself as far as M. Pellotan is concerned. He knew and bringing up to date the French squadron in the Far East; that was more than his predecessor had done. He had had all the submarines provided for in the estimates to be laid down. Before he was Minister of Marine only from twelve to fifteen torpedo-bouts were laid down every year; twenty-three had been put on the stocks this year, and fifty more were to be laid down. M. Pelletan strongly denied the charge that the shortness of sailors was now greater than in the time of his predecessors, and he refuted the criticism levelled at the naval personnel generally, declaring the present condition of things to be fairly satisfactory. The Minister further affirmed that the northern and Mediterranean squadrons, which could sail at a moment's notice. despite what was said to the contrary, would be absolutely complete by the middle of next month. Stocks of coal wore fairly good into the bargain. M. Pelletan rightly thinks that be is entitled to a little fairer treatment-so think his friends, who firmly believe him to be a conscientious patriot above all

> The French were sincerely sorry to hear of the death of the Duke of Cambridge, hopes of whose recovery were almost given up since a week. The deceased had become as familiar a person both in Paris and France as his late cousin. Queen Victoria, for both of whom the French had the greatest respect and esteem. As every winter came round they looked forward with pleasure to the visit of His Royal Highness to the South of France, and Paris, where the aged long journey. The Paris Press paid very flattering tributes to the late Duke, while military more than appreciated the aged royal soldier; many old French pensioners now in the Invalides the French Chelsea Hospital remember how bravely H.K.R. fought during the Crimean War, alongside the French. The



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members of the British Colony expected his death since some days; and though regretting the contraction of the disease. Parisians who the loss of one who had done so much for his country, and served it so creditably in the field.

Not satisfied with expelling monks and found consolation in the fact that the oldest consumption in any case is as slow a process as the contraction of the disease. Parisians who do not agree with M. Combes on the religious question are only too happy to accord him their Not satisfied with expening monks and nuns, M. Combes has taken further drastic measures, with the object of suppressing such measures, with the object of suppressing such measures, with the object of suppressing such monastic orders in France that refuse to conform to the regulations of the Government. His latest to the Reitiel Endower Character of the Conformation of the Government. His latest to be held in the Reitiel Endower Character of the Conformation of the Government. His latest to be held in the Reitiel Endower Character of the Conformation of the Conformation of the Government. His latest the Reitiel Endower Character of the Conformation o to me regulations of the Government. This labore by held in the British Embassy Church at which known Leipzig gathering—opened last Thursday Bill, abolishing all their schools, and prohibiting by held in the British Embassy Church at which known Leipzig gathering—opened last Thursday not only the British Ambassador and members | under the most happy of auspices. It occupies of the British Colony will be present, but the site of the Old Temple Market, where secondprivate, is declared to be an exceptionally severe several distinguished persons representing the hand clothes and boots were chiefly sold. The one, the more so, as it is an infringement of French military, naval, and other official "Fair" consists of nearly 800 stands, all worlds. President Loubet will be represented. occupied, the show of articles ranging from penny so will most of the Foreign Embassasies.

up S. Patrick's Day, whether wet or fine, in | also crowded with other foreign visitors who also which the rest of the British Colony, including purchased a few articles. The opening ceremony several Americans, join. Shamrock is duly took place in fine weather. The Minister of worn, though very little of it is sold in Paris; Commerce, who was attended by a distinguished leading florists have it sent to them from the company, met with a warm reception, while a against the put, for various reaction, while a the ground of expenses, and the rights of citizenship; the day is past, however, when M side of Home Bule though the latter is an about the with a warm reception, while a military band struck up the Marseillaise. The are in sympathy with the Irish—and on the "Fair is to be a commercial exhibition where side of Home Bule though the latter is an about whale a military band struck up the Marseillaise. The ber, while it is only loss of time to think of green in their button heles. The transfer of the well as from abroad may gather once a year and cert especially organised by enterprising customers, however, are not wanted; should the members of the British Colony in honour of "Faire de Paris" answer the purpose for which the 17th was a great success. Irish melodies | it has been created -- and there is no reason why are ever charming. Irishmen manage to dine it should not do so-it will save representatives together the same evening, and drink to the of large houses much time and trouble by "health" of their patron saint whose memory bringing together at one time and in one place will never die out.

world that something more might be done to Fair will close next Saturday week, the 26th, develop trade between France and the United a few days' grace are anticipated, at least till States. The recent report of M. Jules Sieg- till the end of the month. The idea of the Fair determined to put an end to the total fried ex-Minister of Commerce as presented to is an excellent one in every respect; it became religious question, before it reaches the uncontrollable stage.

The programme of M: Loubet's visit has at document, and well worth the attentive perusal increase in success as it gets older. The The programme of M: Loubet's visit mas at least been made public. All being well the sells so few goods to America only fifteen no one is smarter than the "Yankee" for. President will leave Paris by special train on sons worth for each inhabitant in the Trained presence or many Americans was significant; States is that American tariff is exorbitant. Let | in any part of the civilised world. reductions be made on the American side | The French theatrical world is keenly accordingly, and the amount of French goods | following the progress being made of, establishsold in the States will rapidly increase. France ing a permanent French theatre in Londonis urged to try and obtain a reciprocity treaty an old idea, which Parisians have long tried to with America. It is no secret that American popularise. It is firmly believed that a venture goods in France are subject to higher duties of this kind would certainly pay in the long than those of any other great nation, simply run, judging by the tremendous success because by special conventions the other nations | recorded by French companies every summer in receive the minimum rates of the French tariff. | London, M. Armand Silvestre is already in treaty while the United States are, as it were, left with Mdmes. Garnier, Rejane, and others, and alone under the maximum rate. Now that hopes before long to be able to give more details France is on such good terms with England, as to the new theatre which he proposes to have and is very anxious to be on an equal feeting built in the English capital. M. Silvestre is with America, these small difficulties that stand | quite aware of the fact that, the French in the way of industrial progress ought to be | Colony in London being small, it could not be removed. Every encouragement ought to be expected to keep the theatre going on its own given to delegates from the French Chamber of | account, English playgoers must be chiefly Commerce, and other similar institutions, to go relied upon. In that case Mr. Silvestre wil over to the United States, as they did a little have to show himself a man of extraordinary while ago to London, and induce American repre- | penetration. Strange to say, the English public sentatives to come to France. This is the best | is in many respects diametrically opposed to way to bring about commercial reform, and an the French theatre-going public, so that what increase of business.

monotonous. Very little that is really accurate always draw an audience, if only for a few weeks, is known about the Russians, save that they are I that less known players can do so. This is one still getting the worse from the Japanese -- who of the principal difficulties which must be are practically masters of the situation both on | solved before the idea of, any French theatre land and sea. The Russians are inclined to play can be entertained. M. Silvestre is a very another waiting game, until the severe weather | experienced man in theatrical matters happily. breaks; the Japanese are meanwhile keeping and is certain to act accordingly. them on the move night and day, smashing up what remains of the Russian fleet, and making things otherwise uncomfortable for them on land. Port Arthur will eventually fall into the hands of the Japanese, as the Russians cannot prevent them; to abandon the place before from Mercury. Established upwards of 30 it is too late would be wise policy, since they will have "Togo" sooner or later. The tall talk of General Kuropatkin creates smiles; in order " to finish with Japan at the end of July" he must first make a teginning. The General, who is full of boasts, intends to operate en musse in order to give Japan a lesson, and to occupy their islands as soon as he shall crush the Japanese as far as M. Pelletan is concerned. He knew what his countrymen expected from him, and they could rely upon him to do his duty so far as was in his power. Those that considered in Corea and Manchuria. Finally, the Treaty of Peace shall be signed at Tokyo and nowhere else. Judging by such a flow of fine words, Darlington for a copy of his Handas was in his power. Those that considered General Kuropatkin anticipates a walk over the M. Pelletan as a man of straw, or as one afraid Japs. He will soon find out his mistake, when to speak his mind, were strongly mistaken; even he gets nearer to the line of fire. One cannot the members of the Budget Committee did not help expressing surprise at such tall talk, frighten him. No one was more willing to emanating from one who is considered as a communicate any documents bearing on the serious man and a first-class soldier. He would Navy than M. Pelletan; but as for those bearing not discourage his countrymen as he left for on national defence, especially those concerning the front, though in his heart he must have submarines, these he strictly refused to hand known that it was all nonsense, to indulge in over to anyone, not even the Budget Committee. such predictions. The Russians are not a match The Minister refused to agree to any sort of an | for the Japanese on sea, despite all their powerinquiry assuming the character of a judicial ful big ships, on which so much faith was placed; examination, and declined to enter into his the remarkable appliances used by the victorious relations with his subordinates. What has M. for fighting in the dark have quite baffied their Pelletan done since he was appointed head of enemy, who never dreamt that war tools of this the Admiralty? He lost no time in reinforcing | description existed. When the Japanese Navy possesses so many surprises, it may be taken for cortain that the Japanese Army also is

equally well provided. People talk as little as they can about the new Dreyfus trial. This cannot be wondered at. considering how weary all Frenchmen are of the whole business, which apparently seems to have no end. The Press merely records the proceedings of the trial from day today, indulging settled according to the laws of evidence. The Cour de Cassation, which it will be remembered ordered a supplementary inquiry by the DARLINGTO 'S HANDBOOKS, Is, each. Criminal Chamber, is almost certain to support the conclusions of M. Boyer's report, when the full Court, as already observed, will have to the World. decide whether it will annul the Rennes verdict, or order another court-martial. Ex-Captain Dreyfus has had to suffer for the sins of other -- who substituted his name for that of another person.

Consumption and alcoholism are to be stamped out of the country at all costs; the lead in this direction has been taken by the Premier himself. M. Combes. The circular which has been issued by that gentleman has had for result to wake up the public authorities, and to force them to take action. Taberculosis is henceforth to be combatted in a most effective manner, according to the instructions of the Premier. Several of the leading hospitals in Paris have been reorganized, so as to be ready for the reception of veteral often stopped, by way of breaking the consumptive patients only. M. Combes has come to the conclusion that isolation, plenty of] good food, light, and fresh air, are the most | z favourable conditions under which tuberculosis stands a chance of being cured. It is not to be expected that patients in mixed hospitals can be cared from the dreadful affliction; the curing of

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April 22, Indravelli, British str., 3, 152, R. P. Craven, Portland 14th March, Flour and General-P. & A. S. S. Co. April 22, Kampot, French str. 436, Bavay, Saigon 18th April, Rice. - CHINESE. April 22, MATHILDE, German steamer, 678,

Schlaiking, Swatow 21st April, General,-JEBBEN & Co. April 22, Nicketia, British str., 1,530, L. Harrison, Moji 15th April, Coul.-H. U. Jefferies.

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Taiwanfoo 20th April and Swatow 21st. 7 General. Douglas Lapraik & Co. April 22, ALACRITY, British des.-ves. from Mirs Bay. April 22. ALBION, British battleship, from I

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CLEARANCES. ATTHE HARHOUR MASTER'S OFFICE. 22nd April. Kwangse, British str., for Shaughai. Lacrtes, British str., for Saigon

Mathilde, German str., for Hoihow, Taishan, British str., for Hengay. Zafiro, British str., for Manila. DEPARTURES. 22nd April.

BOURBON, French str, for Ssigon. BRITISH TRADER, British str., for Rangoon, GERMANIA, German str., for Moji. HAITAN, British str., for Coast Ports, Hyson, British str., for Vancouver. KEONGWAI, German str., for Bangkols. PAKLAT, German str., for Kobe. PRONTO, German str., for Iloilo. TAKSANG, British str., for Bangkok.

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TELEMACHUS	Brit. str.			25th inst.
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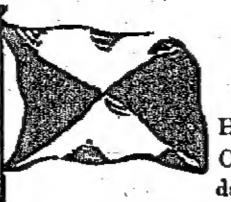
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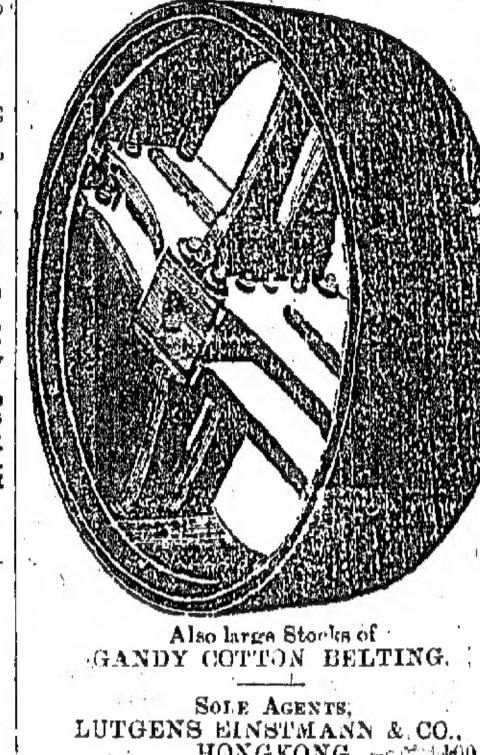
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POST OFFICE NOTICES. Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via Dalny and the Trans-Siberian Railway is discontinued. The Babern, with the German mail, left Singapore on Friday, the 22nd inst., at 10 a.m., and may Le expected here on or at out Inesday, the 26th inst., at 5 p.m. The Coptic, with the American mail, will leave Yokohama on Friday, the 22nd inst., via Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, and may the expected here on or about Monday, the 2nd prox. MAILS WILL CLOSE Saturday, 23rd, 7.30 A.M. Saturday, 23rd, 9.00 A.M. Manila Zafiro Tourane and Quinhone Progress Kuchinotzu Oscar II Saturday, 23rd, 9,00 A.M. Saturday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M. Saturday, 22rd, 10.00 A.M. Amoy Nanshan Saturday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M. EUROPE &c., India via Tuticorin Saturday, 23rd, (Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Printed Matter and Sam-Postage 10 cents.)..... ples 10,00 A.M. (Supplementary mail on board up to the Registration... 10.00 A.M. Bengal time fixed for departure of the m il (Registration, with late Extra Postago 10 cents) ... fee of 10 cents, up to (Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes 10.45 A.M.) in time for the first clearance will be ! included in this contract mail.) Saturday. 23rd, 1.15 P.M. Heanashan Macao Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Taiyaan Saturday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M. Melbourne Thates Saturday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M. Swatow Saturday, 3rd, 3.00 P.M. Clavering Moji and Salma Cruz (Mox.) Saturday, 23гд. 3.00 г.м. Hanyang Shanghai..... Honomoh Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M. Amoy Shaohsing, Shurday, Shanghai..... 23rd, Taichun Saturday. 23rd, 5.00 P.M. Namiao Hoifu Saturday, 23rd. 5.00 р.м. Sanbue.... Wingchai Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P A. Macao Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M. Frithjof Swatow, Amoy and Tameui Taichun Sunday, Hoi Fu Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M. Namtao 24th, 9.00 A.M. Pronto 24th, 9.00 A.M. Bangkok Heungshan 25th, 1.15 P.M. Paklat 25th, 9.00 r.M. Hoihow, Singapore and Bangkok 25th, 3.00 P.M. Moji Whampoa 25th, 3.00 P.M. Monday, Chenan 25th. 3.00 P.M. Taichun 25th, 5.00 P.M. Hoifu 25tb, 5.00 p.m. Sanbue Wingchai 25th, 5.00 p.m. Singapore, Penang and Calcutta Laisang..... 26th, 2.00 P.M. Yucusang 26th, 3.00 P.M. Mapila Strassburg 26th, 5.00 P.M. U Shanghai Wednesday, 27th, 10.00 A.M. Cl Amoy, Straits and Rangoon Purnea Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobo, Yokohama, Vic-) toria and Vancouver (B.C.) Wednesday, 27th, 10,45 A.M. N. Wednesday, 27th, EUROPE, &c., India via Tuticoria Printed Matter and Sam-(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra ples 10.00 A.M. Registration ... 10.00 A.M. Postage 10 cents.)..... Prinz Heinrich (Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes (Registration, with 'to H in time for the first clearance will be fee of 10 cents, up to Cl 10.45 A.M.) included in this contract mail.) Letters11.00 A.M. H Wednesday, 27th, 3.00 P.M. Thursday, 28th, 3.00 P.M. Manila......Rubi Saturday, Soth, 9.00 A.M. In Saturday, 30th. Printed Matter and Sam- C SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, ples..... 10.00 A.M. HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO...... Registration... 10 00 A.M. D (Supplementary mail on board up to the Siberia (Registration, with lat. time fixed for departure of the mail. fee of 10 cents, up t Extra Postage 10 cents) 10.45 A.M.) Letters 11.00 A.M. Tuesday, 3rd May, Printed Matter and San EUROPE, &c., India via Tuticorin ples..... 10.00 A.M. (Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Registration... 10.00 A.M. Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail) 10.45 A.M.) Letters 11.60 A.M. Wednesday, 11th May, Printed Matter and Sam-SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, ples 10.00 A.M. VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.) Registration ... 10.00 A.M. (Supplementary mail on board up to the } Empress of Japan

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ARRIVALS AT HOME.

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TO.DAY. Sale, Stamps, Sales Rooms, Mr. V. Remedios, 2 p.m. Sale, Pekin Curios, Sales Rooms, Messrs. inst., p.m., and is due here on the 25th inst. Hughes & Hough, 2.30 p.m. Smoking Concert, Club Gymnasium, Kowloon, 9 p.m. COMMERCIAL.

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THE GERMAN MAIL. The Imperial German mail steamer Prinz Heinrich left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on Monday, a,m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 26th inst.

The Imperial German mail steamer Bayern left Singapore on Friday, at 10 a.m., and may be expected bore on Thesday, the 26th inst., at 5 p.m. The Imperial German mail ateamer Oldenberg left Aden on Wednesday, at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 10th prox.

Surgeon Thomas, Messrs. P. B. Sharp, A. J. Hirst, J. A. Dove, N. B. Stendman, G. F. Malden, A. Course, C. E. Nicholas, A. Clarke, H. Woodward, W. H. Dowling, T. H. Flaller. ley, J. A. Millar, J. Riggs, A. Bushfield, A. Mathews, and A. G. Prince; from Marseilles. Mrs. Bickersteth, Messrs. S. H. Michael, H. A. Courtney, T. James, and A. H. Wilson; from Brindisi, Mrs. Gordon, Miss Flash, and Dr. Anderson; from Aden, Mr. and Mrs. Gray Scott. and Mr. F. Hohnke; from Suez, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce; from Bombay, Capt. S. Hunt; from Colombo, Mrs. Chichester; from Singapore, Mrs. Dunlop, Mrs. Gardiner, Lieut. Moore. Messra, Cooke, Way, Stewart, Guteirez, and Walleem: for Shanghai, from London, Mr. and Mrs Anton. Mrs. Cerson and infant, and Mr. Barrett; from Marseilles, Mr. and Mrs. Walker and infant, Messrs. J. W. Stevenson, W. H. Boyd, and Somelkh; from Aden, Mr. and Mrs. Kubale, Mr. and Mrs. Shadgett, Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. Fitchner, son and child, Mrs. Meyer and 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. Stern. Messrs, L. Keiser, J. Hamminck, Bramsch, Brucher, Rossenberger, Stebner, Verrue, and Lester: for Yokohama, from London, Misses McCaul and St. Aubyn; from Marseilles, Mr. W. Hill; from Aden, Mr. and Mrs. Gray Kurins. Messrs. Nutter, Kracke, and Sanger.

Per Hongmoh, from Penang. &c., Mr. and Mrs. U. Cowan and family.

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TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS. 7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes. action, to 8.30 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes. 3,30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes. 9,8(3.m. to 11.00 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes. 11.80 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes. 12 45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes. 1.15 j.m. to 1.45 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes. ... p.m. to 2.15 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes. 5.15 p.m., to 8.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes. 8 " p m. to 5.80 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes. 10 to.m. to 7.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes. 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes. NIGHT CARS.

145 ..m. & 9.00 p.m., 9.45 to 11.15 p.m., every } hour.

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1 xtr cars at 11.30 p.m. and 11.45 p.m. SPECIA . CARS by arrangement at the Comany's Office, 36 & 40, Queon's Road Central. OHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON. General Managers. Flonggong, 14th January, 1984.

Taichun	Saturday. 23rd, 5.00 P.M.	and M. Anderson.		,	1	Hongsong, 14th January	7. 1904. [91:
Wingehai Frithjof	Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.A., Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.		JOINT	ST	оск	SHARES.	
Hoi Fu	! Sunday, 24th; 9.00 A.M.	4.4				l'o	NGKONG, 22nd April.
Wingchai	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.			1	1	!	
Falshan Pronto	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.	этоска.	No. or Shares.	•	PAID UP,	LAST DIVIDEND	CLOSING QUOTATION
Heungshan Paklat	Monday, 25th, 9.00 c.M.			-		A	
Whampoa	Monday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.	BANKS.		. '	(30/-div. & 10/- bonus)	
Chenan	Monday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.	Hongrong and onaugues	80,000	\$125	\$125	at 1/83=\$22.99 per (share for 2nd half- (156574, sellers. London £64.
Hoifu	Monday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.	69	(28,010 A				\$36, sales & buyers.
Wingchai Laisang	Tuesday, 26th, 2.00 P.M.	Do, Founders' Shares	14,443 B 750 fdrs.			3,6 at 1/9=\$2 None	
Yucasang Strassburg	Tuesday, 26th, 5.00 P.M.	Union Ins. Society, Ld	10,000	1 \$250	\$100	\$32 for 1902	\$520, buyers.
Purnea	Wednesday, 27th, 10.00 A.M. Wednesday, 27th, 10,45 A.M.	China Traders' Ins. Co., Ld.	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	Final of £1- making	\$59½, buyera.
21 hit 6184 000	Wednesday, 27th.	Mortific mines and	10,000		1 E	Final of £1- making in all £2 for 1902}	
1	Printed Matter and Sam- ples 10.00 A.M.	Yangtsze Ins. Assocn., Ld. Canton Insurce. Office, Ld.	10,000	\$100 \$250	\$60 \$50	\$12=20 p. ct. for 1901. \$15 for 1902	3135, buyers. \$185, buyers.
Prinz Heinrich	Registration 10.00 A.M. (Registration, with to	FIRE INSURANCES.	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$22‡ for 1902	3290 huvers -
	fee of 10 cents, up to	China Fire Ins. Co., Ld	20,000		\$60	\$7 for 1902	\$83}.
Camabiana	Letters11.00 A.M.		80,000	\$15	\$15 {	\$1.50 for half year anded 31.12.1903	329, buvera
Sungkiang	Thursday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.	Macao'S. B. Co., 11d J				onded 31-12-1903 j	
Rubi	Saturday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.	2	1				
	Printed Matter and Sam- ples 10.00 A.M.			Y Y		1	
Siberia	1 D = 1.4. 41 30.00	Douglas Steamship Co., Ld.	20,000		, ,,,	Conding do a tags	
	fee of 10 cents, up t	Star Ferry Co., Limited	20,000	\$10 \$10	4.5	1.1 ended 20:4:02	D Sco. burgare
	Tuesday, 3rd May,	Shell Transport & Trading } Co., Limited	2,000,000	£1	£1 \	(coupon No. 4) on	22s. 6d.
	Printed Matter and San -	Do. Prefe ence	100,000	£ 10	£10 (account of 1903)	€8.
Annam	Ples 10.00 A.M. Registration 10.00 A.M.	Refinebles.		1.0			
227776	fee of 10 cents, up to	China Sugar RefiningCom- pany, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	Fin. of 7 p.c. making in all 12 p.c. for 1901	il28 buyers.
4414	10.45 A.M.) Letters 11.60 A.M.	Doton Co Id	7,000	\$100	\$100	\$3 for 1897	3:0, sellers.
	Wednesday, 11th May, Printed Matter and Sam-	MINING. Punjom Mining Co., Ld		\$11	\$1;	2 Name	15 cts., sellers.
	ples 10.00 A.M.	Do Preference	30,000	\$1	\$1	Fin. div. of Fes. 30 p. s.	i o etst.
Empress of Japan	(Registration, with late	bonnages du Tonkin] Raub Australian Gold		Fa.250	40	1/-p. share=48 eta	
	fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)	Mining Co., Limited)	200,000	£1	18/10	12th div	\$6, sellers.
	Letters11.00 A.M.	Docks, Wharves, &c. Hongkong and Whampon	50,000	\$50	\$50 \	12 p.c. & 2 p.c. bonus for }	208, buyers.
	atherine Apear, from Calcutta,	Hongkong and Kowloon	30,000	4.	\$50	(Fin. 5 p.c. making in	2100
left Singapore	for this ports on the 20th s due here on the 25th inst.	New Amoy Dock Co., Ld	6,000	S61	\$61	all 10 p.c. for 1903 (\$2\for 1902	5325, sellers.
The Indo-Ch	ina steamer Namsang left Cal-	S.C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ld.	55,700	Tisluu		Int. 5 p.c. on acc. for 1904	
inst., and may b	port via the Straits on the 17th expected here on the 4th prox.	LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDG. Hongkong Land Invest-	50,000	\$100	\$100	Fin. of \$6 making (\$12 for 1903)	\$148, buyers.
The P.M. st	eamer Korea left San Francisco	ment & Agency Co., Ld.) Kowloon Land & B. Co. Ld.	8,000	\$50	\$30	\$2.60 per share for 1903	\$35.
The O. & O.	Honolulu, &c., on the 15th just, steamer Coptic, from San Fran-	West Point B. Co., Ld	12,500	\$50	\$50	Fin. of \$1.70 making (\$3.20 for 1903)	\$52, buyers.
te, on the 22nd	kohama for this port via Kobe, inst.	Hongkong Hotel Co., Ld	12,000	\$50	\$50	C10	4-10
The C.P.R.	SCANADIAN MAIL. sleamer Empress of Japan left	Humphreys Estate & Fin.)	100,000	\$10		90 ct. per share for 'er	
Vancouver on the	he 15th inst., p.m., for Hong- ual ports of call.	Company, Limited)	1,000	\$10	Table 1	(Fin. of 6p.c. also spe)	prizo, buyers,
MICE	steamer Empire left Manila on	Shanghai Latd	52,000	Tis 50	Tia M	bonus makingin all 16 p.c. for 1903	119.108.
the 20th inst., a at daylight.	nd is due here on the 23rd inst.,	Corron Mills. Ewo Cotton Spinning and)	100.000	an so		{ 8 per cent for ; 1933	m an - H
The P.M. ster	amer Algoa left Manila for this inst., at 7 p.m.	W. Company, Limited J International Cotton M'fg.	•	Tls 50		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
The H.A.L.	steamer Strassburg, from Ham-	Company, Limited) Laon-kung-mow Cotton	10,000	118 40	TIS 76	3 p.c. on account of 1898	1 2
irst., a.m., and 25th inst, at da	may be expected here on the	Spinning and Weaving		Tls100			
The Ben I	ine steamer Benmohr, from	Soy Chee Cotton Spin. Co., Ld	2,000	Tls500	T1s506	A CHAITE STANAMA	
20th inst. for th		Weaving and Dyeing	125,000	\$10	\$10	Fin. of 6 p.c. making in all 10 p.c. for year end, 31 7.03	5144, sellera.
London and A	C.M. steamer Telemachus, for ntwerp, is expected here from	Company, Limited) Miscklaneous.	4.	\$10	010	_	2991
The A.L. stea	e 25th instrat daylight. mer Franz Ferdinand left Moji	Green Island Cement Co., Ld China-Borneo Company, Ld.	100		\$12	15 p. c. for 1903 5 per cent. for 1903	84, buyers.
for this port on		A. S. Watson & Co., Ld	60,000	\$10	\$10	Interim of 50 ets.	5144, sales & buyers.
sar for this po expected here or	rt on the 19th inst., and may be		20,000	610	810	(account of 1903)	13, buyers,
The C.P.R. s	teamer Tartar arrived at Kobe nesday, the 20th inst., and left	Hongkong Electric Co., Ld.	30,000 30,000	\$10 \$10	Si	90 cents year 30 4 03 45 cents year 30 4 03	\$7, buyers.
again at 6.30 p.	m., Thursday, via Nagasaki for	Hongkong and China Gas) Company, Limited 5	7,000	£10		10 p. ct. div. & 1 p. ct. ; bonus for 1902 ;	
on Monday, the		Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ld. Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ld	10,000 6,000	\$50 \$25	\$25	20 per cent. for 1903 15 per cent. for 1903 { F nal of \$12 mak-}	547, Bellers.
Victoria (B.C.)	on the 24th ult, for Japan and	Hongkong Ice Co., Ld	5,000	\$25	\$25	ing in all £16 per	\$215, sellers.
	teamship Co.'s steamer Shawmut	Hk. High-Level Tramways	1,250	\$100	\$100	\$20 for year ended 30:11:1902	\$300.
on the 1st inst.	Yokohama and the usual ports	Company, Limited		100		(Final of 6 per cent.)	
The O.S.S. a should leave V	& C.M. steamer Agamemnon ictoria (B.C.) for Japan and	Hk. Sfeam Water-boat Co., } Limited	7,500	\$10	\$10	per cen', for year (\$15], sellers.
Hongkong on the		Dairy Farm Company, Ld		\$73 \$10	\$6	(30.9.03) 11 for year ended 31.7.03 30 per cent, for 1903	\$13, buyers.
for Hongkong a	via Japan ports on the 8th inst., here on the 11th prox.	Campbell, Moore & Co., Ld. Bell's Asbestos Eastern	1,200 8,604	12/6		30 per cent. for 1903 None	
STEAMERS	PASSED THE CANAL.		9,900 ordy.	\$10	\$4	90cts. (p. share for year \$29.70 { ended 31·5·1903	\$91. buyers.
Bayern, Deucali	era, Theodorwille, Ella, Sagami, ion, Gerd. 8th—Ernest Simons,	Agency, Limited	100 fndrs. 20,000	\$10 \$5	4.4	None	\$1, sellers
· Algoma, Plantm	Verona, Ulysses, Roon, Segovia, ars. 12th—Socotra, Schnylkill,	China Provident Loan and) Mortgage Company, Ld.) Watting Limited	200,000	\$10	1 0	80 cents for year } ending 31·12:03 } 10 per cent. for 1903	
	Courtfield, Calchus, Indramayo, ai. Borneo, Silverlin, 19th—	Watkins, Limited	10,000 35,000	\$10 \$10		First year	100

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SYNOPHS OF INSTALMENTS I AND II.-Mr. Clement Frith, a Commission Agent, living in Kensing ton, finds himself in rather low water. His daughter Dora tries several means by which to make both ends meet, but does not succeed until she takes in a lodger, a wealthy gentleman of the name of Lagdon, and with an ar of mystery about him. On his being taken ill one day a doctor is summoned who tells them their lodger is past recovery. Lagden makes a will leaving Dora all his property providing she is willing to marry him at once. It appears that Frith gives his consent to this strange request before he informs his daughter of it. After a conversation with the dying man, Dora refuses to marry him. At last her father persuades her to consent; a elergyum is called, and the ceremony performed. I agden after-wards gives the girl a packet which, he says, must Later in the day, on looking into the man's room, Dora is astonished to find that he has disappeared. The next morning Frank Dorne, her former lover, who, she thought, had died abroad, calls. CHAPTER III.

FRANK PLAYS A LONE HAND. Picture to yourself, if possible, the state of man who has steadily built upon one idea for months and years, not airy eastles alone, but | 4 what he deemed to be a substantial structurebrick by brick-until it stood, a glorious edifice, in his imagination, waiting only to be peopled. Picture to yourself that the one being who to himself. was to people that glorious edifice-the jewel of which it was to be the easket—was a woman of whose love he was sure; it was waiting for him, and he had but to go back, and domand it as his by right. Then, against that picture, set the other; that of the man asking for what was his, and being denied; his dream shattered, and his house of eards in the dust.

That was the position of Frank Dorne. He had returned after three years. A miracle had occurred, and this man, so long supposed to be dead, was back again among the living ready to play the Fairy Prince to the girl he had loved as a boy. In the romantic fashion which might have been expected of him, he came back at night, to stand beneath her window, like some modern Remee, and tell again the tale that had been unuttered on his lips so longwaiting only for her to hear it. And now, in a moment, she told him that she did not leve him. and that it had all been a mistake.

He was suddenly like a man in another world. The solid things of life had slipped away from him; the humble little square, that had been before his mind's eye so often in far-off strange lands, and in which he had dreamed that he would meet her, and talk with her in the silence of a summer evening, was faded and gene; only a dingy place of mean and squalid houses; the garden in the centre, that had bloomed in his imagination with the flowers of Paradise, a dusty grubby place, that had no right to call

itself a guirden at all. He wandered away aimlessly; it did not matter in what direction he went. The world was dead for him, and he did not care what became of him. Every street was like another there was no Dora in any prospect that he faced. Then another and a better mood came upon him. After all, what right had he to turn tail like this, like a whipped dog, and run away? There must be some mistake; she had not known him; or the shock of seeing him had been too speech. great, and had unnerved her. He would go

back ; everything would be right. He returned through the deserted streets, and crossed the little square. Though the day was fully come, a pale light still burned in her window; he stood aga a seneath it. She must have seen him, for the light went out, and the blind was drawn instantly.

There was a mystery here—something not to be fathomed in the ordinary way. He might have expected, at least, that she would express some surprise at this sudden return of a man the world had believed to be dead; whatever | Frith from that hour; the second: to go abroad | ed the common fate. surprise she may have felt, had been swallowed | again, without a moment's delay more than was up in the desire she had to get rid of him. With a laugh and a shrug, he decided that he had waited too long already to be put off in this fashion; he would wait a little longer.

Full daylight at last, and people moving about the square. Sleepy servant-girls, coming out with brushes and pails; milkmen, with falsetto voices with a break in them, proclaiming themselves shrilly. Then at last blessed sight to the waiting man !- that one particular blind drawn up.

He waited a discreet half hour, and then went to the house, and rang the bell. He enquired for Miss Frith: the staring servant, who was a stranger to him, requested him to wait in the hall. As a matter of fact, the girl was too used to importunate callers to lead them further into the house than was absolutely necessary. At last, after some delay, Mr. Clement Frith

came jauntily downstairs; bowed gravely to Frank, without noticing his outstretched hand. and requested that he would walk into a room. the door of which he opened. Frank, going in, and wondering more and more what had happened to change everyone so, found himself ! alone in the room with Mr. Clement Frith, and the door closed.

"I came quite early this morning, sir," began Frank hastily. "I only arrived in England a matter of a few hours ago; I have waited for nothing, until I could come straight | up one's mind that life is not worth living. to Dora, Frith suggested a question.

"Dora," repeated the young man firmly. blind in the old days—three years ago—you must have understood that Dora and I loved each other; you must have known that I went

and for myself." "I trust—most sincerely do I trust—that you have succeeded." said Mr. Clement Frith. with the matter. I met Dora only a little time back; she would have nothing to do with me. Won't you tell me what it all means?"

head. "My young friend." he said, Doubtless my daughter knows best it is three years, I believe, since you left us, and you have been reported to be-in a wordnon-existent. Why blame the lady if, in the hand on the arm of the sleeper. meantime, she has consoled herself?

"I won't believe it!" exclaimed Frank fiercely. "I must hear it from her own lips, before I'll believe it.: I know that she would be true to me through everything; nothing could change her; I want to see her.

"What if she has-er-formed other attach. enchanting fashion, and held out his hand. ments?" asked Mr. Clement Frith.

Dorne quickly. "I fear you will be disappointed; but I will endeavour to persuade her to see you," said Mr. Jim," said Frank Dorne, with a laugh. "I've Clement Frith. "Fine weather we are having." been sitting here ever so long."

he added, as he went out of the room. In a few moments Dora came in with her other. "I was not asleep; I was merely father. Perhaps Frank had hoped that he might see the girl alone; in that he was to be disappointed. Mr. Clement Frith was not to be shaken off.

Commenter was stated to the state of

" Dora," began the young man, in a low voice, as she stood before him, a slim, quiet, whitefaced figure in black-"I want you to tell me, and only you-what this means. I suppose I that the story of my death was not true: I suppose I ought to have told you what I was doing in these years. Dear,"—despite the prohands towards the girl appealingly—"I was

worked for you in vain.' "There has been a great mistake," she said, prevented from doing!" in a low voice, without looking at him. "I believed you to be dead; I belong to-someone

"In a word, my dear sir," broke in Mr. Clement Frith airily-"my daughter-after mourning for a decent time over the supposed decease of a lover to whom her girlish affections had been given, has turned, like the flowers to not be opened until the rightful owner claims it. | the sun, to unother. Not willingly, perhaps; but we are all the creatures of circumstance. Romance is all very well in theory; but when a matter of which he talked,

want to speak to Frank-to Mr. Dorne-for a few moments. Will-will you leave us F" "Oh-very well," said Mr. Clement Frith,

little sulkily. "Having your welfare very much at heart, my love, I certainly felt However-doubtless you know best," which he went out of the room, humming softly anything of Jim Cowle by this time, you will

For a moment or two there was silence between them. Then Dora asked a question

"How were you saved-Frank?" days. We were picked up by an outward-bound | before I had anything to do with it. You must vessel, and taken to Australia."

heart—that you had come here yesterday." "Why-what do you mean?" he asked. lessly and helplessly. Porhaps it was rather | the thing was stolen; I don't know by whom good to feel his arms about her, and to hear his or from whom. I only know that a man died. soothing words; good to forget, for a moment and another went out-with the diamond, and or two, that she was bound to someone else, and | the brand of Cain upon him. Whether a curse

bye, and never see me any more, as long as you know; but from that time the long tale of lives live," she said. "I never intended to do it, sacrificed to it is unending. Frank; I didn't understand what it meant. If any of that old love you had for me remains, will you promise to be my friend, and to help | gaily. "I heard of the thing in the most ac-

"I don't understand," he replied, in a bewil-I dered tone. "What has happened?"

so much as I do now.

"I-I am married!" she exclaimed; and hid her face in her hands. For a moment he looked at her in astonish-

ment: then be suddenly thrust her away, with an exclamation of repugnance. "Ah—I understand now," he said. "You thought I was dead; you were so ready to forget the boy who had loved you. You heard

of someone richer than I was; you thought-" She was down on her knees before him, clinging to him; praying that he would listen to a stage," replied Mr. Cowle. pulling meditawhat she had to say. But he broke away from her, and made for the door. There he looked

"I suppose you're right," he said bitterly; but it doesn't seem fair. I've been a fool, I know; but I thought you'd be certain, in your own heart, that I was not dead, and that I would come back to you. Well-I have; and I wish I hadn't! Good-bye!

about her, he was gone; she was alone, to face | he's a marked man while he's got it. So far as that strange new life that had opened for her. from the house with two very strong determina- with much suddenness. A woman got it once

"I won't stay here." he thought. "What's the use of money—what's the use of life itself -when a fellow hasn't anything to live for? I'll go back to the life I know and understand

and I'll never look kindly on a woman again as Of course that was very excellent reasoning -and quite proper, under the circumstances; but Frank was young, and hopes are not killed so easily as all that when one is young. He | it directly I get it; it's the fine excitement of | Port, would alone suffice to fill a large volume. began to have a remorseful feeling that he ought | the thing that appeals to me. This man-

to have waited, and listened to some further | Josiah Lagdenexplanation from Dora. However, it was no use now; his business was to forget. he had arranged for himself was easier of ac- | ring myself-can do anything with this woncomplishment; you can quite rapidly get out of | derful diamond, it is Mr. Josiah Lagden. And England, unless the police have reasons for | ten chances to one he'll hide it in such a fashion wishing to detain you. But even here. Frank | that it would be utterly impossible for anyone

least, in London; a great many things might happen in twenty-four hours.

"To-"The raised eyebrows of Mr. Clement in the huge smoking room of the hotel. Not him? Not he; he knows too much. He goes. many people were there, and he chose a corner | wi' his respectable grey hair and kindly face, near a window, and sat there with his eigar, to odging in North Kensington-a certain "Come, Mr. Frith, you could not have been pretending to read, and thinking deeply. Raise Diprose Square. ing his eyes, after a time, from the paper he Frank started violently, and set his teeth Scoul held before him, he found that those eyes were | sharply into his eigar. It happened that Mr. | Chemulpo resting on the figure of a man lounging in a Cowle had his eyes closed again, and did not | Kun San out across the world to make a fortune for her, chair quite near to him. A man obviously see the movement. Frank began to listen more asleep, to judge by outward appearances; for intently, his eyes were closed, and his hands were folded lightly before him. Coming back from some | never stirs out. Finally, he is run to earth;

intimately. Mr. Clement Frith sighed, and shook his speaking. The sleeper was a handsome fellow. "you and the full length of him, stretched out in the should surely understand, by this time, that | chair, could not have been much less than six when a woman makes up her mind about a feet; his rather finely modelled features were in and declare that he is dying; to give it out matter, we the weaker vessels-must perforce | singularly handsome in repose; the colouring of | abroad that he is dying. More than that, he his hair and slight moustache was dark. Frank persuades a young and apparently innocent girl Dorne, delighted at the prospect of having to marry him; a sort of death-bed marriage.

> The man awoke in a moment, and turned as that night. Do you follow me?" quickly and brightly towards Frank as though he had never been asleep at all. There was no blinking of his eyelids (which, by the way. shadowed very fine dark eyes), and no stretch- fathom; I fail to see what part the girl is to ing and yawning. He smiled in the most play. Is it a blind; is she mixed up in it; or British

"Why, Frank!" he exclaimed, in a curiously "She shall tell me so herself, said Frank soft, slow, languid voice-"have you just dropped from the clouds-or am I dreaming?" "You were asleep-but this is no dream. Frank?"

thinking hard about a matter that was troub- "You look quite white."

"I didn't think anything ever troubled you," I leaned his head out into the night. He was

with a faint smile. "Something or somebody Equare that morning, and had talked to the girl IN CHINA, JAPAN AND COREA are harled me into the world; nature arged me to the had come thousands of miles to see; she had arranged in a special separate list. make a living. There being no moralist near at | told him that she was married; he had seen her ought to have prepared you for my coming; hand to hold up a warning finger, and tell me fear and her distress. He saw here some dark I ought to have let you know, at least, what to do, and what not to do, I have made conspiracy, with only this fruit girl to fight have been engraved by one of the most eminent that living.

"Precariously?" suggested Frank. "Precariously-and sinfully," said the other sence of Mr. Clement Frith, he stretched out his calmly. "It's an ungrateful thing to say, but I sometimes regret, my dear Frank, that you working hard in a foreign land-for you; for ever had the goodness to fish me out of that reyou I was building up a fortune. Don't tell | markably evil-smelling river in India, and give me that I have come back from the grave, and | me another lease of life. If you'd only let me alone, what'a lot of mischief I might have been

> Well-I suppose you're in clover now, from your quarters?" suggested Frank. "Oh, this is nothing," replied the other. One must live somewhere, and this saves Mrs. Lagden.

"My dear Dorne-I am on the track of "Father, dear," she broken in quickly—" I something," he began—"and I'm nonplussed at the outset. Draw your chair nearer; I don't want to be overheard." Frank hitched up his chair, and bent nearer

> to the other man. "I came to England." he began, "on a quest. It'll sound like a fairy tale; but, if you know know that he doesn't kunt fairy tales-eh?"

"Scarcely, I think," replied Frank." Go on. "In order that you may understand (and I know I can trust you, because these matters don't concern your regular orderly life) I must "I got away in a small boat, and drifted for | tell you the story from the beginning-in fact, know then, that, far back in a time which is "I-I'm glad you were saved, Frank," she purely legendary, there existed a certain wonsaid, in a low voice. "I wish-with all my derful diamond. Strangely enough, it has been, for reasons that I will explain, in the private possession of certain individuals for many. She broke down then, and began to cry hope- | many years past. Quite a long time ago, had no right to have these soothing arms about I was put upon the thing, or whether the knowledge of what it was, and how it had been ob-"You mustn't talk to me; you must say good- | tained, carried its own curse with it. I do not |

"How did you know all this?" asked Frank. "Oh--I'm in the hunt," replied the other, me? For. God knows, I never needed a friend | cidental fashion; in fact. I slept in the same tent with it and its temporary owner one night, in California. In the morning, the temporary owner was dead, and the next man in succession | PROSPECTS. was gone-goodness only knows where.

> Jim Cowle shook his head slowly. "No," he replied: " he's gone under, too." It was a pity, because I almost came up with him once; and I was with the man who's now get it. That man gave me the slip, and I want to find him." "Is he in London?"

"He was-last night; to-day he's moved on tively at his thin monstache. "You see, the business is, my dear Frank, that this thing has back for a moment, to give her one valedictory | hitherto been useless to all into whose possession it came. The original owners (who may, for all I know, have stolen it from someone else) have long since given up the search apparently; and the thing is so enormously valuable, that each man who gets it owns, for the time being. a veritable white elephant; he can't get rid of it, because the mere fact of trying to negotiate When she rose from her knees and looked it would bring disaster upon him; and he knows I can find out, no single soul who ever got hold Meanwhile, Mr. Frank Dorne went away of the thing kept it for long; he left the world

"And you really mean that you wouldwould steal it?" asked Frank. property of no one; it belongs to the man who

"Is that the name of the last owner?" "Yes. He's an old ex-convict; the wariest The second part of the voluntary programme | and the smartest of the lot. If any man-bar-Dorne found it harder than he had imagined it of ordinary capacity to find it. However, I'vo would be to tear himself away from everything | tracked him down, and I know where he is-or so hurriedly. He would have another day, at frather, where he was,

"In London?" asked Frank: "In London. Trust Lagden for that; there's He drove down to the big hotel where he had I no hiding place like it. And what does my taken a room; and there he got through the day; gentleman do when he gets to London, with somehow, in what fashion he might. There is | three or four after him, hot-foot and ready to always a certain amount of eating and drinking | do murder for the sake of this dramond? Does to be done in this world, even if one has made | he go to some obscure coffee-house, or thickes' kitchen, or common lodging-house, where half In the evening of that day, he found himself a dozen old fellow jail-birds would recognise

" He gives no name—this Josiah Lagden; he "I have, indeed; but that has nothing to do dream he had had behind the paper, Frank I call there, and can find out nothing; someone Hanoi Dorne awoke to the fact that he knew this man | else calls, and is repulsed in the same way. | Haiphong Then, afraid that he may actually be murdered | Tonkin Provinces Quinhon For a few moments he looked at him without | in his bed one night, for the sake of the thing —he dies!"

"Dies? I don't understand." "He gets a certain spurious doctor to come | Sarawak someone to talk to, leaned forward, and laid a She marries him; and the wonderful Lagden Johore grows better in health at once, and disappears Pahang

> "Perfectly-up to this point. But I don't Batavia understand his motive," said Frank. "Nor do I. It's a deeper game than I can is she a tool in the hands of Lagden? G-!" he whispered passionately-"I feel that I would like to beat in the door of No. 67.

"Nothing," said Frank Dorne, rising to his een sitting here ever so long."

"And I've only just come in," replied the fully hot; can I open the window?" "Why, of course, old man," replied Cowle.

Frank Dorne thrust open the window, and

"What am I ever doing?" asked the other, clearly. He had stood outside No. 67, Diprose against it. He turned round into the room again, and faced Jim Cowle, with a faint smile. | brought up to date. They consist this year of "That's better," he said. "Sorry I inter- | fourteen of the following:-

> rupted you; go oh." "There's nothing more to tell," said Mr. MAP OF THE FAR EAST Cowle slowly. "The girl is mixed up in it- Plan of Yokohama she's the daughter of the house, you know-a PLAN OF KOBE AND HYOGO Miss Frith-and I mean to find out what she's PLAN OF FOREIGN SETTLEMENTS, TIENTSIN doing. The diamond is the very centre of PLAN OF ISINGTAU (KIAOCHAU) everything; and a girl like that doesn't marry | NEW PLAN OF DALNY an old man—a mere lodger—for no reason. I PLAN OF FOREIGN CONCESSION, SHANGHAI put my money on little Miss. Frith. That is Plan of Hongkew (Shanghai) with Inset to say, on little Miss Frith that was; now

Frank said nothing; he only wondered, in a PLAN OF PEAK DISTRICT, VICTORIA He closed his eyes again, and lay back in his stunned fashion, what it all meant, and where Plan of Kowloon chair for a few minutes without speaking. Pre- this horrible diamond was. Perhaps, from that NEW PLAN OF MANILA sently he opened them, looked full at Frank | moment, he, too, determined to take up the PLAN OF SINGAPORE Dorne, and began speaking again-letting his chase of it, and to join himself as one more Plan of Penang works drop out listlessly, despite the important link to the long chain of men who had given Plan of BATAVIA their lives for it.

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